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*"Year's end is neither an end nor a beginning, but a going on,
with all the wisdom that experience can instill in us."*

—Hal Borland

Babcock marred by offensive graffiti

Andrew Vogel
News Editor

In October 2004, Bornhuetter Hall was defaced with hateful phrases. Now, two years later, the College has run into a similar problem.

Less than a day before Bornhuetter was scheduled to be unveiled to the trustees, graffiti, marked with phrases such as "I Hate Minorities," littered the brand new hall. In a somewhat similar situation, shortly after students arrived back on campus from Thanksgiving

break, custodians reported similar vandalism, this time taking place in the stairwell of Babcock Hall.

Julie Todd '07, the resident director of Babcock Hall, was informed of the vandalism by the custodians on Nov. 28. "I heard about it on the Tuesday when we got back from break. Initially, Security had found it on Friday, Nov. 24," said Todd.

A message was sent shortly thereafter to all Babcock residents. "We received an e-mail from our resident director. It just said that there had been

some graffiti written on both sides on the stairs to the attic," said Brittany Montgomery '10.

Some residents first heard about the incident, though, at their respective hall meetings on Sunday, Dec. 3. Many were shocked. "[They] told us about how the custodial staff had seen some swastikas and KKK symbols on the stairs from the third floor to the attic," said Mary Latalladi '10.

After everyone learned what had happened and where, students shared mixed reactions. "Nobody got too upset

about it, but nobody was exactly pleased. People chose to live here in an international community, so intolerant symbols aren't going to be appreciated here," said Latalladi.

Montgomery agreed that the situation was worsened because Babcock is an international dorm, and the graffiti offended many different ethnic groups. "There are people who live here who are those nationalities," said Montgomery.

Some wonder whether Babcock was chosen as the dorm to deface because it

is an international dorm. "I hope it wasn't," said Montgomery.

One aspect that helped to diffuse a more emotional reaction from the students was that few actually had seen the graffiti. "I think we were okay about it and no one was all that visibly upset about it because the custodial staff took pictures of it and then cleared the walls," said Latalladi.

Originally, Security thought that the vandalism was committed over

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First-Year Seminar class brings Las Vegas to Wooster



Frankie Quirin '10 staffs a table in the casino created by his First-Year Seminar class (Photo courtesy Amy Denny).

Alexandra DeGrandchamp
Voice Staff

Last Saturday night, Kittredge Dining Hall was transformed into a bustling Las Vegas casino. The clicking roulette wheel combined with the jingle of a winning combination on a slot machine provided unique entertainment for the campus community.

Professor Pam Pierce of the department of mathematics and her First-Year Seminar class hosted Casino Night as a non-graded class project in cooperation with Late Night Activities, the Dean of Faculty and Lowry Center.

The event lasted from 9 p.m. to 12 a.m. and featured slot machines, blackjack tables, a roulette wheel and Texas Hold 'Em — at no cost to students.

Pierce's seminar, entitled "An Interdisciplinary Approach to Gambling," has spent the semester

studying the implications of gambling on society. All students were required to participate, staffing the various gambling stations and the cashier stand.

Professor Pierce explained that the event was a fun, educational approach to actual casino gambling for both her FYS students and the campus community.

Students were required to research the operation of featured games and also had to decide how to run the event. Colorful posters adorned the wood-paneled walls of Kittredge, illustrating various facts about Casino Night.

Posters addressed important issues surrounding gambling, such as the odds of winning specific games and the cost to gamblers. One poster illustrated the political connection to gambling, stating that "in California, the gambling lobby has spent over \$10 million since 1990 for state ... ini-

tatives."

Pierce's students were sure to keep the same odds as a true Vegas casino. One poster boldly exemplified the true costs of gambling through the odds of the roulette wheel. Landing on red or black has a 20:18 odd, while choosing two rows came with a 32:6 chance, one row carried a probability of 35:3 and choosing a single was 37:1 in the bettor's favor.

Prizes from the community were offered for winners. Prizes included gift certificates from Ryan's and Red Lobster, movie passes, tee shirts, fudge and one curling iron.

Casino Night, though advertised for some time, was sparsely attended. Students favored classic card games like Blackjack and Texas Hold 'Em.

Though the event was not heavily attended, participants were enthusiastic about the event. "It was really cool," said Jackson Ellis '07. "I learned a lot about gambling."

Wooster moot court host

Eight Wooster teams will advance to the national competition in Virginia

Andrew Vogel
News Editor

This past Friday and Saturday, Dec. 1 and 2, The College of Wooster hosted the 2006 Midwest Regional Moot Court Competition. Competition rounds were held in Kauke, Scovel, Morgan and Wishart Halls. In all, 36 two-person teams from four different schools participated, with the top 16 teams advancing to the single elimination round on the second day. Wooster, which hosts a competition every year, posted a strong showing, with 15 of the 16 teams that advanced to the second day coming from the host school.

The competition Wooster hosted was one of six regional competitions. The four schools represented at the regional included Wooster, Ohio Wesleyan, Denison and Eastern Illinois.

In all, from the four schools, 72 students participated. With every team made up of two students, 36 individual teams participated. Of those 72 students that participated, 40 were from Wooster.

Team captain Steve Schott '07 said Wooster's high turnout was due, in great part, to Professor of Political Science Mark Weaver. "Wooster turns out a much larger number of teams than other schools. This is due to the work of Mark Weaver and the success Wooster has had in the past years which in turn has fostered more interest from the student body," said Schott.

Much of the competition was based around the current War on Terror. "The case dealt with warrantless surveillance of U.S. citizens in the scope of the War on Terror. Participants were required to determine whether the President had the power to conduct

such surveillance and whether or not the Fourth Amendment was violated," said Sarah Palagyi '10, participating in the competition for the first time.

On the first day, the main goal for participants was to move on to participate in the second day of the competition. "Basically, 36 two-person teams competed in three preliminary rounds on Dec. 1. Each team was given the opportunity to argue Petitioner and Respondent and then [their roles] in the final rounds were determined by a coin toss. After the preliminary rounds awards were given out, the 'Sweet Sixteen' finalists were announced. These teams were given the opportunity to argue the next day in order to move on to the national competition," said Palagyi.

"Judges may interrupt you whenever they have a question or wish [for] the speaker to cover specific information, which means that as the rounds go on and the judges become more aware of the case and arguments for each side, they are more apt to ask harder and more specific questions. Points are determined by the ability to answer questions, knowledge of the case law, presentation and courtroom demeanor," said Anne Leigh '07, another captain of Wooster's team.

It was in this area that Wooster really dominated. In addition to the fact that all but one of the 16 teams to advance to the second day came from Wooster, all the quarterfinalists that will move on to compete in the national competition next month were from Wooster.

Schott and Leigh finished first overall in the competition. James Owens '07 and Michael McMaster '07, Lauren

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Antidepressants found in water

Laura McHugh
Senior Writer

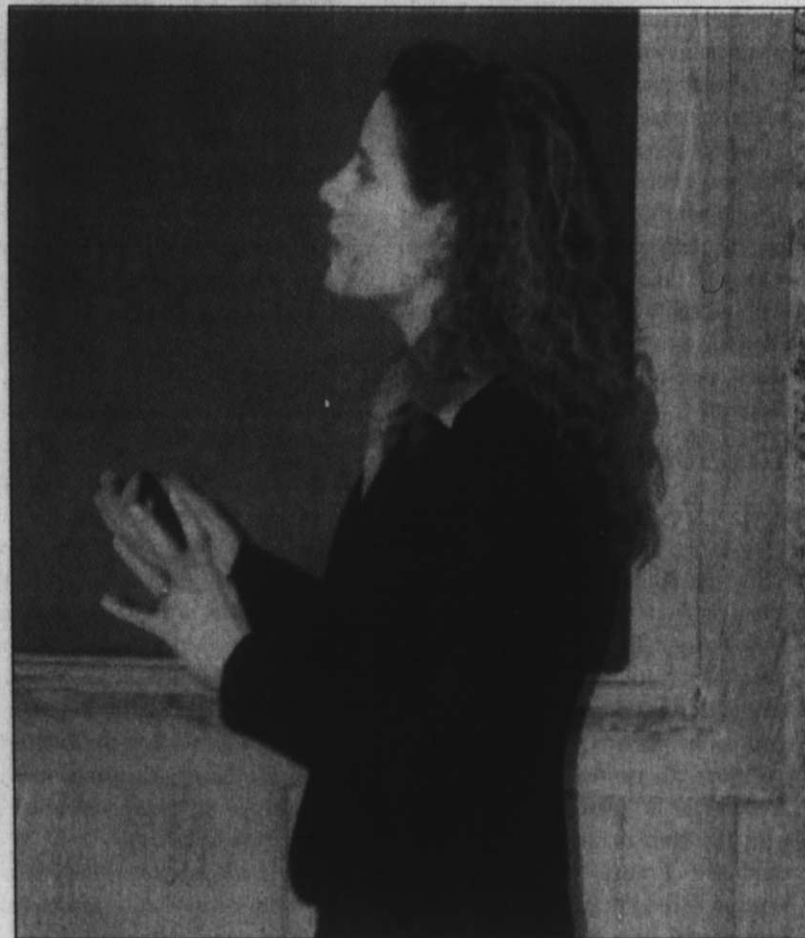
The second to last Chemistry Department Seminar was held Tuesday morning in Severance Hall. Assistant Professor of Chemistry Dr. Melissa M. Schultz presented "Depression, Drugs and Happy Fish: Determining the Environmental Fate and Transport of Antidepressant Pharmaceuticals by LC-ESI/MS/MS."

Schultz's presentation was based on her research on emerging contaminants in water sources. The research was conducted while she was an NRC Postdoctoral Fellow in the Methods Research and Development Program at the National Water Quality Laboratory of the U.S. Geological Survey in Denver, Colo.

"Emerging contaminants are any synthetic or naturally occurring chemical or any microorganism that is not commonly monitored in the environment," said Schultz, whose work focused on determining whether emerging contaminants in the water were affecting the environment.

The "Catch-22 of this type of work," according to Schultz, is summed up in two questions. "The first question is: why are you looking for this compound in the environment?" The second question is "why are you looking at effects if you don't know a compound gets into the environment?"

The emerging contaminants she chose were antidepressants. She said she made her choice because of their popularity. "Antidepressants are a widely-prescribed pharmaceutical." Schultz's research looked at the effects of antidepressants, not in humans, but



This Tuesday, Professor of Chemistry Melissa Schultz presented the results of her studies on the effects antidepressant drugs have on the environment (Photo by Katharine Tatum).

in the environment. She used an aqueous method to study this effect because "it is the primary route into the environment for pharmaceuticals." This primary route includes human defecation and flushing old prescriptions down the toilet.

Schultz gave a background on depression by discussing the links between neurotransmitters and depression. "Nerve cells in the brain and the rest of the nervous system use

chemical messengers," she explained. Serotonin is one type of chemical messenger, also known as a neurotransmitter. It is believed that Serotonin plays an important role in the regulation of body temperature, mood, sleep, vomiting, sexuality and appetite.

"People with depression could have an imbalance of serotonin in their

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Wooster took the number one rating in all of Div. III, with wins over Earlham and Oberlin. See page 8 for more.

SHORT TAKES

NATION

Gates in as new
defense secretary

On Dec. 6, the U.S. Senate voted 95-2 to approve Robert Gates as President Bush's chosen replacement for former Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld. Rumsfeld resigned as defense secretary on Nov. 8.

While there was no significant opposition to Gates's nomination during the confirmation process, Senators Bunning and Santorum became very critical after Gates's confirmation.

Santorum, who lost his seat in the November election, delivered an hour-long speech criticizing Gates's position on dealing with rogue states. Gates served for 26 years in the C.I.A., and was also a former CIA director under President George H. W. Bush. He will be sworn in as the 22nd secretary of defense on Dec. 8.

Recommendations
given for war in Iraq

On Wednesday Dec. 6, the congressionally mandated, bi-partisan, Iraq Study Group unveiled a set of recommendations for the War in Iraq. Co-chair James A. Baker III said the report offers recommendations in terms of stabilizing Iraq and avoiding regional conflict.

Baker said the group avoided speaking of "victory" in Iraq. The 75 recommendations range from a broader regional diplomatic effort on training Iraqi security forces, and even withdrawing U.S. support if the Iraqi government does not make progress in key areas of reconciliation and governability.

The report is available online and as a 160-page book in bookstores.

WORLD

Bolton resigns from
U.N. position

John R. Bolton resigned as the U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations on Dec. 4. Bolton, who was nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize in February, was often criticized for his realist approach to the United Nations. "There is no such thing as the United Nations. There is only the international community, which can only be led by the only remaining superpower, which is the United States." Bolton will officially leave his position as Representative to the United Nations when the 109th Congress formally adjourns.

Economic report
reveals injustices

According to a report on wealth distribution from the World Institute for Development Economics Research of the United Nations, the richest one percent of adults in the world own 40 percent of the planet's wealth.

Europe, the United States, and Japan account for 27 percent of the total with the United Kingdom for 6 percent and France with 5 percent. Duncan Green, head of research at Oxfam, said, "it is impossible to justify such vast wealth when 800 million people go to bed hungry every night."

The good news is that redistribution would only have to be relatively small. Such are the vast assets of the rich that giving up a small part of their wealth could transform the lives of millions."

— Briefs compiled from wire reports by
Laura McHugh

CORRECTIONS

In last week's Sports section, in the "Scots Earn Fall Accolades" article, Amanda Artman '10 and Anlyn Addis '07 were named to the second and third All-American teams, not All-NCAC as we reported.

Artman and Addis were both first-team All-Conference, along with various other Scots that were not mentioned. For a detailed correction outlining these Scots, see page seven.

Several pages of last week's Voice were cut off two to three lines short due to a printing error. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

While we strive for excellence every week, we too can fall short. Please send any of your corrections to voice@wooster.edu

Minority tokenism forum enlightens students

Karin Johnson
Voice Staff

Students gathered this week for the Women of Images first forum event of the year to discuss minorities' presence today in the media and in politics.

An open discussion was created between the two speakers, Lydia Thompson, a long time resident of Wooster and member of the local school board, and Assistant Professor of Political Science Michelle Camou. Students engaged in a dialogue with them and asked questions ranging from personal experiences to inquiries about today's politicians.

Thompson provided personal accounts from her experiences in Wooster, sharing her story about her election to the school board and what it was like as an African-American woman. Many people in Wooster told her she wouldn't win, she said, but she persevered and gained a seat in 1972.

She discussed how Wooster has a history of segregation, as African-Americans were not allowed to live above Bowman Street and how there was once a huge controversy over naming a street after Rosa Parks.

As there is a low representation of African-Americans in Wayne County (just around 1,700 and 947 in Wooster according to Thompson), race has been a fragile subject that has affected the town and the African-American population here.

Professor Camou branched off from Thompson's discussion and explained the current experiences that minority candidates have had in both local and state elections. In the past couple electoral cycles, minorities have been shown to be competitive. Many have been successful in obtaining public office and in general elections have shown a goal of getting them into office. Yet there are questions on how they are winning and what it will take to win.

As the speakers explained, tokenism can explain how the media hones in on a small group, usually a specific race, and presents issues relating to their experience. For example, in the media one commonly sees characters such as the "token black friend" or the "token gay friend."

These sorts of representations of minority groups are often specific, at times offensive and create stereotyp-



Professor Michelle Camou and resident Lydia Thompson led the discussion (Photo by Karin Johnson).

ing. In regards to elections, tokenism can be destructive or may start turning into a benefit because many are in favor of minority representation.

Following the two speakers' presentations, students opened up conversation to personal experiences about growing up in different areas of the

country and told stories about their town's mayors. Many discussed the recent mayors in Cleveland.

As to how different minority candidates will fare in the future, as more high-profile positions are filled with minority candidates, a fast change may occur.

Pueblo educates about hunger



The Hunger Banquet, sponsored by Pueblo de Esperanza on Dec. 1, represented how many people go hungry every night world (Photo by Karin Johnson).

Effects of new law unclear

Jonah Comstock
News Editor

On Nov. 7, Ohians voted yes on Issue 2, an initiative to raise the minimum wage from \$5.15 per hour to \$6.85. Although most full-time employees of the College make above minimum wage, many student employees work for far less than \$6.85 per hour.

Because the new law affects all workers, full- or part-time, it will require the College to make some financial changes. The need for change is compounded by the fact that the issue also includes provisions to raise minimum wage regularly with inflation.

The full effect of these changes is still being discussed, but Vice President for Finance and Business Robert Walton was able to offer some general comments about the effects of the new law.

"We will add funding to the College budgets to enable impact on other departmental costs to be neutral," said Walton. He also said that there would be no direct impact on

tuition fees.

Work-study jobs often pay less than \$6.85 per hour and work-study is part of many students' financial aid packages. Because of this, it seems conceivable that the new law would limit the amount of financial aid available to students, but whether this will be the case is still unclear.

College Treasurer Tim Tegtmeier said that, as of press time, specific decisions about how to work with the new law remain to be made.

"We're still working on finalizing what we're going to do," said Tegtmeier. "We don't have any definite plans yet." Tegtmeier added that the College is waiting on, among other things, legal advice on how to proceed.

Walton, however, did say that the number of campus jobs available to students would not be reduced.

It remains to be seen from whence the College will obtain the money to stay consistent with the new minimum wage as well as how much student pay will be raised, but, come the first of the year, student workers will be making at least \$6.85 an hour.

Wooster's team heads to nationals

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Schreur '07 and Eric Roscoe '07, and Michael Doerr '08 and Deb Coffman '08 rounded out the second through fourth places, respectively. Andrew Gross '08 and Kathryn McCarthy '09, Jeffrey Katz '10 and Lauren Mogavero '08, Abigail Kline '08 and Matthew Jensen '08, and Cameron McCleod '07 and Drew Glassroth '08 all reached the quarterfinals. All of these participants will be heading to the national competition in Virginia in January.

All the participants were very proud of the team's resounding accomplishment. "Our goal was to put as many people in the national competition as possible as well as to provide some competition experience for those teams who had never competed before. All of the eight teams qualifying for nationals

were from Wooster," said Leigh.

As a senior, this is Leigh's last year competing. Leigh said that over the past few years, the team has received a great deal of support.

"This year has been extremely positive. We have had a lot of involvement and support from the Wayne County Bar Association, Mark Weaver, Patrice Reeder, and Hank Kreuzman. Without them, we would never have had this program, not to mention its success," said Leigh.

Even those students who were competing for the first time found it to be a very positive experience. "For my partner Ross Buchanan ('09) and I, and probably for most of the first-year participants, it was really exciting knowing that we'd come far enough from the beginning of the semester where we were all tripping over our words to being able to actually give an in-depth

coherent argument. So, we were happy getting to be one of the top 16 teams and getting that feel for what competitive argument is like," said Maureen Hanlon '08.

For teams that advanced to the national stage, though, there is still more work to be done in Virginia. "We will compete Jan. 19 to 20. Last year Wooster finished second to Patrick Henry [College], which has won the tournament every year since Wooster began competing," said Schott. "This year, however, the eight teams that Wooster sends to compete in Virginia is without a doubt the strongest contingent Wooster has ever had."

Schott says he is very optimistic about the team's chances in January. "We feel very confident that given everyone from the team performs to the best of their abilities, we can win the ACMA National Championship."

Schultz looks at effects of antidepressants

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brain," said examined three types of anti-depressants, selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRI), serotonin-nor epinephrine reuptake inhibitors (SNRIs) and bupropion, both a dopamine reuptake inhibitor and an epinephrine reuptake inhibitor.

Fluoxetine (an SSRI), also known as Prozac, is a top-29 drug in the United States. According to Rxlist.com, 21,403,000 Americans have a prescription. Schultz said there have already been studies that have detected fluoxe-

tine in water, sediment beds and the fish-tissue in waste-dominant streams.

Schultz's study was to determine if other antidepressants had seeped into the environment.

Schultz began her research at the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) in Denver with an in-stream study near the water treatment plant in Boulder Creek, Colo.

Schultz examined water upstream and downstream of the plant. What she called "the big three major players," venlafaxine, bupropion, and citalopram, were not upstream of the plant. However, Schultz found that the major players were in the downstream

water.

Schultz's study also examined wastewater effluent. Her study examined water from treatment plants all across the United States. She concluded, "Antidepressants are entering waste water treatment plants, and are leaving them. Making waste water effluent is a point source of antidepressants into the environment."

Most wastewater plants were built in the 1970s and are only designed to remove the chemicals that will kill a person immediately "Antidepressants won't kill you on the spot," she said.

The long-term question of her study, she said, is to determine if antidepressants are affecting the drinking water. She stated that drinking water is treated much longer than wastewater effluent and we don't drink water straight from streams. However, she said, "drinking water does come from reservoirs or rivers, and some reports have found low levels of antidepressants in drinking water."

Babcock
Vandalism

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Originally, Security thought that the vandalism was committed over Thanksgiving break, when very few students were actually on campus.

However, after resident assistants talked to students, some say the vandalism was on the walls even before break. "Basically, Security found it on the [Nov. 24], but students say they [had] seen it before then," said Todd.

With so many stories, it's hard to discern whom to believe. "Initially, I didn't know what to think. Initially, I thought it was done during break, so there weren't that many students on campus. There's no way to really tell how long ago it was," said Todd.

Todd acknowledged that it would have been very hard for a non-student to come into the building over Thanksgiving break. "Unless, somebody from the community came in with a student, there's no way to get in without a student."

Todd said that a correlation between the recent incidents in Babcock and the incidents in Bornhuetter two years ago seem unlikely. "No one has really made a link to the event that happened two years ago.

"The incidents two years ago seemed to be directed at a more specific minority. They're saying this isn't as directed because it's in such an obscure place. It doesn't seem to be targeting anyone in particular."

Security is still looking into the issue. "Right now, Security is doing an investigation, seeing if they can link it to any other incident on campus, since they don't have anyone specific in mind," said Todd.

The question of who the perpetrator is still hangs in the air. Resident assistants in Babcock have asked anyone who knows any information about the incident to come forward. So far, however, no one has. Anyone with information is encouraged to contact Security.

The Publications Committee is accepting applications for the position of editor in chief of *The Wooster Voice*. A complete application includes an application form, three letters of recommendation and a letter of intent. For application materials please contact Professor Madonna Hettinger at Mhettinger@wooster.edu. Applications are due to the Publications Committee by Dec. 10, 2006. Applicants are encouraged, though not required, to apply jointly.

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Bringing genocide home

The men are usually shot; the boys beaten and kidnapped to serve in the militia; the women are raped and murdered while the young girls are taken as sex slaves. It's happening everyday in villages all across the Darfur region of Sudan.



lauramchugh

Imagine that instead of the Fur, Zaghawa and Massaleit ethnic groups, the people who are being slaughtered are the Amish, the same ethnic minority whose horse-drawn buggies clip-clop up Beall Avenue every day. Does this change your perspective?

In 1941, Raphael Lemkin, a Polish Jew, used a similar tactic in an attempt to catapult Americans into action to stop the Holocaust. "If women, children and old people would be murdered a hundred miles from here, wouldn't you run to help? Then why do you stop this decision of your heart when the distance is 3,000 miles instead of one hundred?" Lemkin went on to coin the term "genocide" and served as the driving force behind the United Nations adopting the convention against genocide in 1948.

However, unlike the Amish, who are culturally different from most Wooster residents, the people in Darfur are black, African, Muslim, same as the government officials in Khartoum, the capital.

There are no Hutus or Tutsis, no Serbs or Croats, no Nazis or Jews, no grand cultural differences between the people who live in Darfur and those who live in Khartoum — except, perhaps, the belief that those in Khartoum would rather slaughter the people in Darfur than share the wealth from oil exports

to China.

Darfur is roughly 600 miles from Khartoum. Wooster is only 400 miles from Washington, D.C. Although people in Wooster rarely identify with people in Washington, imagine how quickly that would change if those in power decided luxuries such as driving \$100,000 Mercedes were more important than sharing tax revenues with Wooster citizens.

In Darfur there are no schools, no hospitals, no multi-story structures. The government would sooner erase the population than provide the money to support them.

The genocide in Darfur is closer to us than we think. Everything we buy that says "Made in China" on the label makes us a guilty party to the acts of genocide in Darfur. The manufacture of everything China produces is fueled, literally, by oil that comes from Sudan. Buying goods from China only feeds the corrupt government in Khartoum, a government whose major domestic policy is to eradicate the people in the Darfur region.

I'm not asking you to petition your senator, donate to one of the aide organizations in Darfur, or even to stop buying goods made in China. Just understand that everything in this world is connected. The vastness of the Atlantic Ocean doesn't remove the United States' culpability in the genocide in Darfur.

Inaction in the face of such a horrendous crime is tantamount to complicity. Understanding this is the first step to stopping the genocide.

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Richards' racial rant

Comedian Michael Richards has come under fire lately for racist comments made during a stand-up performance on Nov. 17 at the Laugh Factory in Hollywood. The comments were made when Richards, who is best known as Cosmo Kramer on the television series "Seinfeld," lashed out at two black hecklers.

In an outburst that lasted nearly three minutes, Richards frequently used the "N-word" and other racially offensive language. At one point, the comedian waxed nostalgic about days when the two men would have been "hanging upside down with a fork in their ass."

Video footage of the tirade was widely circulated on the Internet and has led to a massive fall-out for the comedian. The Reverend Jesse Jackson was among those to speak out against Richards.

At one point, Jackson called for a boycott of the recently released DVD of the seventh season of "Seinfeld," although that proposal has since been retracted. Furthermore, Jackson has been joined by other black leaders in calling for a ban of the N-word in the entertainment industry.

Clearly, racism is still an issue in this country. To find proof we need look no further than Richards' comments. Whether or not Michael Richards actually harbors Klan sympathies is immaterial. It is possible that the comedian just snapped, but the fact that what resulted was a string of racial slurs and insults

is indicative of pervasive attitudes in certain sects of our society. We should strive to eliminate these attitudes.

However, banning a word is not the way to achieve this goal, nor is it an acceptable path if we value free speech. While racist speech is disgusting, it is not and should not be illegal in this country.

In the arena of ideas, banning certain types of speech is tantamount to admitting defeat. If we are truly confident in our beliefs, we have no reason to fear the ignorant comments of people like Richards. If we value equality and decency, it is our obligation to defend these values. By banning attitudes that are different from our own, we excuse ourselves from thought and we do not take responsibility for our beliefs.

Richards' remarks were inappropriate and offensive. A boycott of his merchandise is a perfectly justified response to this man's actions. People like myself, who feel that his tirade was inappropriate, should not buy his products. However, our offended sensibilities do not give us grounds to begin banning words.

Michael Richards has the right to spew whatever vile ignorant bile he wishes. We, in turn, have the right not to listen to him. I plan to exercise this right and I hope that others will join me. For a man such as Richards, whose livelihood depends on being listened to, this could be quite a blow.

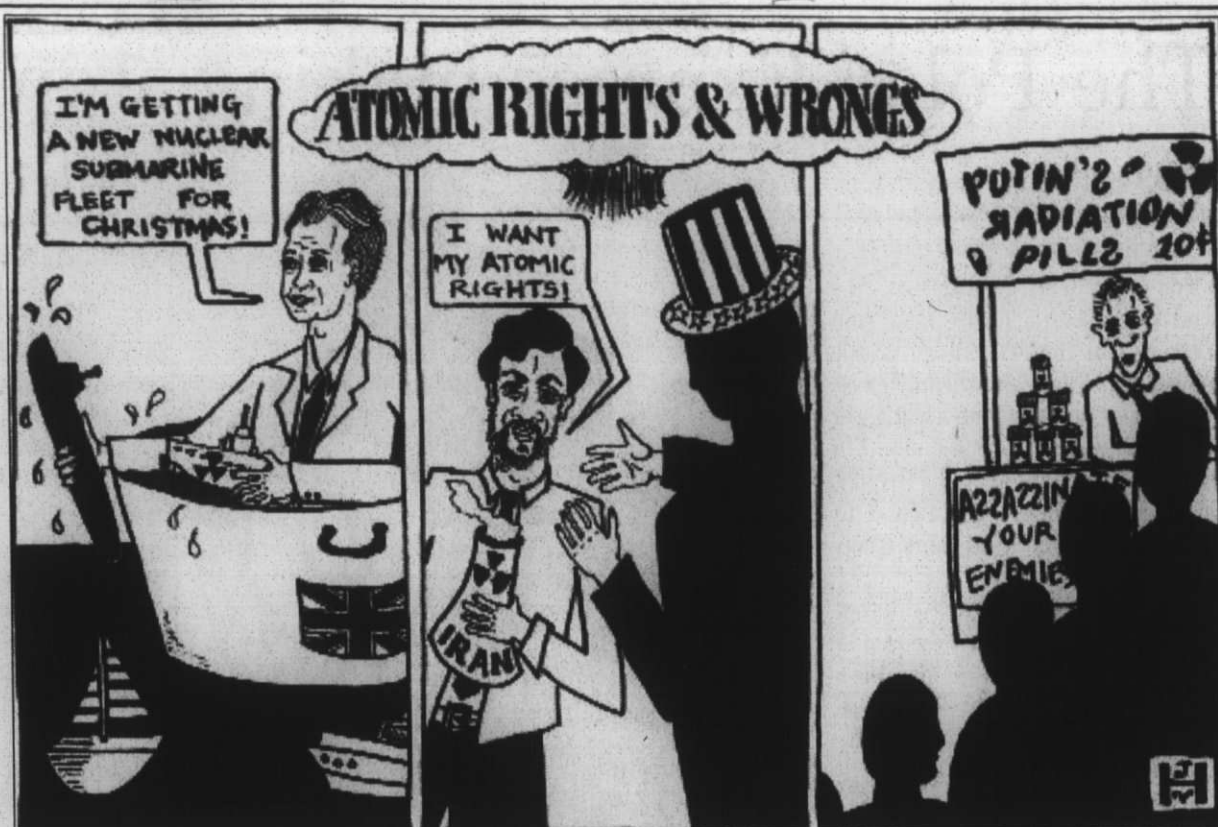
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Gore's film goes beyond politics

Partisan politics not pertinent in issues of education and global warming

A lot of people have complained about Al Gore using election footage in his documentary "An Inconvenient Truth." Yes, I agree that you can't politically motivate environmentalism — but you can politically support it.

That is what I believe Gore is doing. He is not moving to get into an elected position.

Gore's problem is that other people, the exact people who accuse him of politicizing environmentalism in his documentary, are making it political themselves, using red tape to muddle everything up.

Gore mentioned in his documentary, and it's a plain fact (Google it), that oil and automotive companies are paying off scientists to oppose global warming.

ExxonMobil, a major fossil-fuels company in the United States, sponsors many of the skeptic scientists. We all know that global climate change exists, right?

Why is ExxonMobil even doing this? What effect can they have? Well, the problem is that we don't all know global climate change exists.

When we were all enjoying Thanksgiving break, Al Gore offered 50,000 free DVDs of "An Inconvenient Truth" to science teachers across the country. No strings attached: just take the DVDs.

fast-forward through what you want, and teach it how you like. Laurie David of the Washington Post said, "It seemed like a no-brainer!" I agree — who could refuse that?

The National Science Teacher's Association (NSTA) did just that. In their rejection e-mail they said that they "saw little benefit to the NSTA and its members." Naturally, they claimed that this was because of the political messages behind Gore's documentary, that even though Sweden and Norway could make the film's viewing mandatory for students, the United States couldn't, because of politics.

If you go onto the NSTA's Web site,

when he says it's a shame how the NSTA has to get caught in the flak; that tight education budgets and greedy corporations can deny our students the education they need to sustainably live on this planet, and individually or socially combat global climate change.

ExxonMobil has already trashed the ideas given to adults about global warming: now it's attempting to completely eliminate the problem from our children's minds. Has anyone seen "Josie and The Pussycats"? ExxonMobil is trying to tell us the good fashion from the bad fashion, and the problem is that they're giving us all the wrong ideas.

At this point, it isn't even a question of global warming. The fact that global warming is being fought by these skeptics is bitter, ironic proof that it does exist.

This is a question of our rights as educated beings. Far from "V for Vendetta," where you're punished for mentioning the "Problem," we're getting into Aldous Huxley, and in this Brave New World you no longer realize that there's even a problem. There, you're too brainwashed to recognize it, and if Al Gore comes out and says that there is a problem ... he's obviously got ulterior motives. Give the man some soma and tell him to shut up.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

SGA supports Wagers' meal swipe response

To the Editors:

Prior to Thanksgiving break, I read an editorial entitled "Save the Java Hut Swipes" in the Nov. 17 edition of the Voice. The newspaper disclosed the frustration of the student body with the reduction of two meal plan swipes to one on weekends at Java Hut. As a sophomore senator on SGA, I am also chair of the Hospitality Services Ad-Hoc Committee. I met with Chuck Wagers, director of hospitality services, on a regular basis.

Regarding this change, I questioned the timing of this announcement and what measures I could take to get two swipes reinstated. Wagers admitted that the timing of this announcement was not necessarily the best.

Regardless, we eventually came to a compromise due to insufficient wording in the Housing and Dining Contract. Currently, two meal swipes are available at Java Hut on the weekends for the rest of the fall semester, but for the spring semester only one meal swipe will be allowed on the weekend.

The reason for this resides in the fact that breakfast is designated from 7 to 11 a.m. and lunch is designated from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Java Hut. Also, the reason Java Hut closes at 11 a.m. on the weekends is due to the fact that those employees must open

Mom's. Another thing to note is that students only pay for 16 meal swipes per week, as opposed to the 21 meal swipes they receive.

Another problem facing Java Hut is long lines. Of course, it would be wonderful to have more workers and another register, but that requires space and money, both of which are limited.

When I talked with Wagers, he noted that one reason the line is so slow is due to the long checkout time each student takes at the register.

To help solve this problem, my committee and I created a menu that will be posted around Java Hut and a reminder sheet. Hopefully, this will make things more efficient. Although the system isn't perfect, I would like to thank Chuck Wagers for being so receptive to student feedback.

— Jon McKay '09
SGA Senator

Your left-over food is not a charity service

To the Editors:

I would like to address the issue of wasting food at Lowry that was raised in the Voice on Dec. 1. While it is a problem that food is being wasted, I would like to know who would really benefit from less food being wasted. Is it impoverished people? The student body? Or is it the College's busi-

ness office?

I know that our leftover chick-ribs, pork fritters and not completely eaten potato pancakes do not magically get transported to Africa. Hypothetically, if we waste less food, then the College can spend less money buying this food. But would the students see a cutback in their room and board cost? Or would the school donate this saved money to starving people all over the world? I would have to say no for both.

Every time you are unable to use your meal swipe you donate eight crisp dollars to the school anyway. I estimated that the amount of money that Lowry saves during fall break is roughly \$100,000, because only Kittredge is available to students who remain on campus and students are still charged three swipes a day even if they leave. Did that \$100,000 get donated to a charitable fund? I would want my share of this money to be donated to the starving rather than to the school that already receives my yearly tuition.

I do not want people who read this article to think I am a stupid conservative who hates the environment and loves wasting food, because I am not. I just want to address that weighing food several times does not benefit anyone. We all know that food will be wasted whether we like it or not. If I could somehow donate the food I do not eat I would gladly do so.

Instead of volunteering your time to the Lowry staff and weighing leftover food, time should be spent volunteering in a soup kitchen serving food to people who truly need the help.

— Stephen Zumbrun '08

The Polar Express making stops all across the nation

Sara Taggart
Managing Editor

For many college students, the winter holidays bring to mind fond memories of hot chocolate, classic movies, gifts, food and friendly faces. How many families visit local light shows for the holidays and stand in awe of the twinkling lights display, wishing the reindeer would come to life and lead them up to Santa Claus himself?

This year, hundreds of children and adults will experience the trip to the North Pole of which they have always dreamed, and they'll go there not via reindeer sleighs, but by the famous Polar Express.

Inspired by the 1985 instant-classic book by Chris Van Allsburg, dozens of railroads around the United States have begun adding the North Pole to their holiday season timetables, adopting the name "Polar Express" for their ornamented trains.

Now the trip is more popular than ever, owing much to the success of

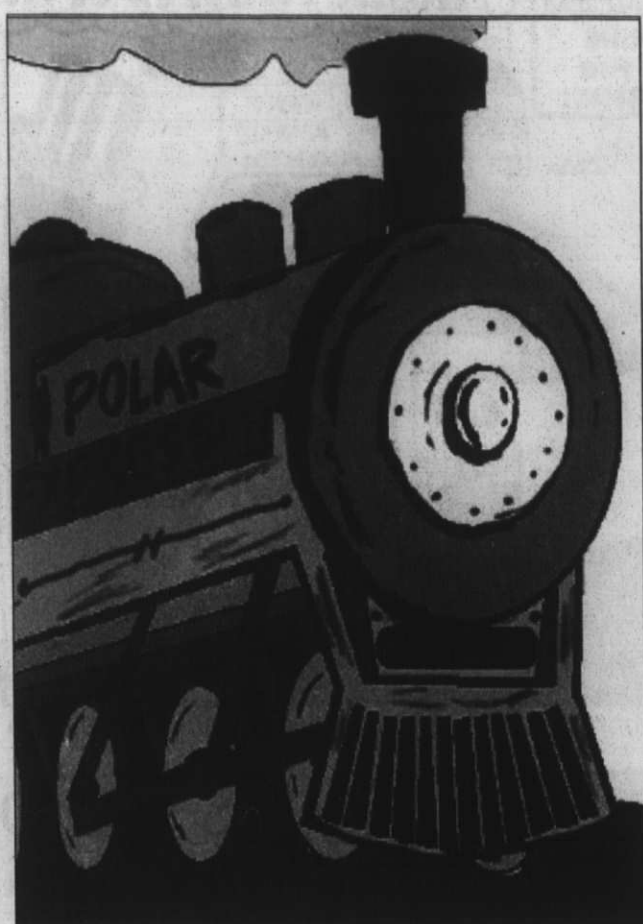


Illustration by Julia V. Hendrickson.

the 2004 Warner Brothers film version of the book as well as the recent DVD and VHS release of the movie.

Though all of the participating railroads capture the spirit of the book, most Polar Express rides also seek to truly recreate the fantasy, encouraging riders to don pajamas for the ride and even providing a reading of the Christmas classic.

Riders are always sure to meet Santa and

sometimes get to enjoy the ride back to the depot with his elves and him.

Almost all of these trips have the added bonus of hot chocolate and cookies, and some even give riders goodies bags, occasionally containing a bell from Santa's sleigh, a gift idea right out of the book.

If that isn't enough to get the warm holiday spark going, some train rides are on vintage steam trains and many offer the attraction of caroling or sing-a-longs.

Polar Expresses make appearances all over the country, from New Hampshire and Vermont to Texas and Oregon, with more than 15 states in between.

If you're not leaving campus for winter break or want to get in to see Santa before you leave campus for home, the magic is open to you, too!

The Polar Express usually makes two stops in Ohio, and both provide a breakaway road trip that won't kill your schedule or your gas tank.

A testament to the train ride's popularity, the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad in Cleveland is sold out of tickets, though a visit to see

the train and the national park is encouraged.

Luckily, the Dennison Depot Railroad Museum is also hosting the magic train ride, requiring only about an hour of driving time. Tickets for the Polar Express in Dennison, like those all over the country, are going fast and seating is limited, so anyone interested is encouraged to make ordering a top priority (second to finals, of course).

You can order tickets by calling (877) 278-8020 or (740) 922-677. For more information about the Dennison trip, visit the Web site at www.dennisondepot.org/polar.html or www.dennisondepot.org for museum information.

If you want to find out where the nearest Polar Express depot is in relation to your own hometown, visit the Train Traveling Web site at www.traintraveling.com and click on "polar express runs" to find a list of states and within-state locations.

This season is your chance: get on board and take a trip to where the magic is real by riding a real-life Polar Express.

Many countries explored at Holidays Around The World

Cord Briggs
Voice Staff

Although previously affiliated with the Presbyterian Church, Wooster is a diverse and multicultural campus, with many ethnic and cultural perspectives in residence.

With this spirit of broadening perspectives, the International Programs Office Ambassadors Program and Interfaith Campus Ministries came together last Monday to sponsor an event called Holidays Around The World.

After walking across campus in the cold to attend the event, stepping through the door and into the pleasant warmth of Overholt House was a relief for many.

But it was what was inside the house that really made the trip worthwhile.

Eight tables, each representing a different country, were set up, filling the ground and basement levels of the building.

The crowd was moderate; there were enough people so that one did not feel alone, yet not so many that anyone had any trouble taking in the tables, talking with some of the Ambassadors and exploring the international array.

The displays represented all the corners of the world, with exhibits featuring holidays from Brazil, Mexico, Nepal, India, Pakistan, Kenya, Russia, Ukraine, Switzerland and Israel.

Taking up one table was an expansive exhibit representing Nepal, specifically the Nepalese celebration of the Buddhist holiday Buddha Jayanti. Buddha Jayanti commemorates the

three critical events in the Buddha's life: his birth, enlightenment and death.

In addition, this holiday marks the beginning of the Nepalese calendar, giving the Nepalese even more reason to celebrate.

The holiday lasts for three days and takes place sometime in our month of April.

Nepalese Ambassador Arniko Singh '09 said that although the religious aspect is certainly central to Buddha Jayanti, with most visiting the monasteries daily, it is also simply a relaxing time to eat and be with family members. To an American mind, it is roughly analogous to Thanksgiving.

Singh's display included several exquisite items, such as a prayer wheel and tapestries, which he brought back last summer from Nepal.

Nearby, Janak "Arjun" Upadhyay '09 was giving a presentation on the celebrating of Christmas in Switzerland.

Instead of centering on a single day, he explained, Christmas for the Swiss is a more multifaceted holiday, with the whole season of Advent celebrated and major holidays taking place on Dec. 5 and 6.

On the fifth, the Catholic celebration Klausjagen, or the "Chasing of St. Nicholas," is held.

Klausjagen is an elaborate candle-lit procession led by 200 dancing, capering men. These men, dressed in white robes, support massive luminous miters upon their heads. These traditional peaked headdresses are made of cardboard and transparent paper for Klausjagen.

Following the procession is a figure many Americans would easily recog-



Above, the display from Israel features menorahs, dreidels and information about Hanukkah (Photo by Chloe Reed).

nize: none other than St. Nicholas himself.

In the Swiss celebration, however, he is resplendently dressed in white, although he still maintains his signature flowing white beard.

Instead of elves, though, accompanying him are creatures called the Schmutzlis.

These grim, darkly clad figures help with the distribution of candy, yet they also menacingly carry a cane made of twigs.

Swiss children lay out their shoes,

similar to the hanging of the stockings practiced in the United States.

Then the morning after Klausjagen, children reap the sweet reward of St. Nick's arrival when they wake to find their shoes stuffed with treats like Mandarin oranges, cookies and nuts.

All in all, Upadhyay said, "Christmas in Switzerland is less commercial than here in the [United States], with more emphasis on family."

Both Ambassadors spoke enthusiastically about their countries and the program in general. This positive atti-

tude was also reflected with Director of Ambassadors Program Nicola Kille.

Kille, who has worked for The College of Wooster for six years, says that the Ambassadors program seems to be consistently getting better and better each year.

She said that she was happy to be bringing this event to the College for the first time.

Asked about the message she hoped this event would deliver, she said, "Welcome to the rest of the world."

Songs for the season at Scheide



Above, several members of Wooster's female a cappella group COWBelles sing together. They and Merry Kuween of Skots, the male a cappella group, joined forces to bring a holiday-themed concert to Gault Recital Hall in Scheide Music Center on Wednesday (Photo by Katharine Tatum).

Learning lessons in Guatemala

Bethany King '07 writes of her experience volunteering in Guatemala on a Lilly House Medical Humanitarian trip

Bethany King
Special to the Voice

The Lilly House sent me to Guatemala City, Guatemala for three weeks through Cross-Cultural Solutions. I chose Guatemala because it has a large disabled population, and is in transition and recovery from a civil war that occurred only six years ago.

I had never been out of the United States before, but I had always dreamed of volunteering abroad. While in Guatemala, I volunteered at a government-run orphanage for children with disabilities who have been abused and abandoned.

Working with children with disabilities is something I am very passionate about and this experience changed my life.

Before my first day of volunteering, I met with my home mom and she told me that I would probably not last past the first few days at the orphanage. Four volunteers before me had quit because they could not handle the conditions.

The conditions of the orphanage were like nothing I have ever seen. Upon walking into the building I was immediately overcome with what I saw and smelled. The children at this

facility are malnourished; I had never seen such skinny children. The children are also missing patches of hair and most if not all of their teeth.

The building resembles a jail. All of the rooms are separated by iron gates that are locked with padlocks. All of the bedrooms are like this.

The children lay on the bare

"I challenge others to go out of their comfort zone, immerse themselves in another culture and to make a difference."

ground, sprawled all over the place. Most of the children have severe disabilities and many of them need wheelchairs, but only two have them.

The children do not wear underwear or diapers and many are sitting in their own throw-up, blood and excrement. I thought that there would be toys for the children to play with, but I only saw one broken one.

The orphanage was the most heart wrenching thing I had ever seen, but after my first day, I promised myself that I would not quit on these children. The children were in need of many things, but mostly they were in need of love.

Some days while volunteering, I got my hair pulled out, rocks thrown at me, excrement all over me, scabies, lice and got very sick for a few days. None of this mattered to me, though.

While at my placement, I started trying to instigate change.

I did this by asking questions, explaining things I have learned throughout my educational experience as a special education major, bringing the children balls to play with and planning activities.

I have learned that sometimes all you need is a hand to hold. There were many times when it was hard to be there, and was similar to a piece of hell on earth. The smiles of the children made it all worth it.

I also learned that it is truly important to spend time with each child and to get to know them, because each child has something special to offer.

The experiences I had in my placement helped to realize my future vocation as a social worker. I had always considered social work, but to be honest I didn't know if I would be strong enough. Now I know that I am. I am sure that this is definitely what I am meant to do.

On this trip, I really realized how blessed I am to have what I have and the real beauty of giving yourself to others.

I challenge others to go out of their comfort zone, immerse themselves in another culture and to make a difference.

"Head" online magazine offers fresh perspective on sex

Molly Lehman
Features Editor

Meredith Wilson '09 wants to talk to you about sex.

"When I first came here [to the College], I was amazed at how little people knew about themselves and their bodies," she said. "Especially," she added with a laugh, "considering how much sex they were having."

So Wilson turned to the Internet and started posting articles and information on a blog that took a straightforward approach to sexual education. She called her creation Head.

"Head is a magazine about sex and sexual health," she said. "Its purpose is to educate people so that they'll actually read it. I wanted to make it accessible, readable, but still informative."

To that end, readers of Head can expect all kinds of sex-related facts and material ranging from serious to entertaining. Poems, articles on sex-related legislation, artistic photographs, information on the availability of vaccinations, jokes and polls can all be found there.

Wilson traces the origin of her idea back to a sociology class she took in high school. "It turned out to be the best sex ed. class I'd ever taken," she said. "My friends would come up to me with questions, and I would think, 'You

should know this!'"

Wilson realized that it wasn't only her classmates who were in the dark. "I thought, 'If you don't know this, lots of people don't.'"

Heading off to The College of Wooster reinforced her feelings because, she said, the College mindset aggravated the problem. "We're a rich, little, liberal-arts college," she said. "We're in a bubble. People start thinking they're immune to the kinds of things that can happen, and they're not. It's something that we're going to have to get over, and fast."

Wilson toyed with the idea of an informative magazine all through her first year. "Finally, at the end of the year, I pitched the idea to The Wellness Center, to [Health Promotion Coordinator] Beau Dooley and [Nurse Director] Nancy Anderson. They were starting to revamp their program, and they said, 'Just let us know what you need; we'll support it.'"

Wilson worked on her idea over the summer, writing several articles. In the fall, she enlisted the help of Molly Dickerson '10 to set up an online space for them, and in



Meredith Wilson, creator of Head (Photo by Karin Johnson).

www.woosterhead.blogspot.com

October, the first article — about the way hormones affect people — was

posted. There are plenty of light, funny things to browse on Head: recently,

Wilson posted the results of a poll that asked students what music they preferred in romantic situations. In another post, she wrote about an innuendo-laden Playboy article that poked fun at Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe.

Head provides a way to break the "bubble" and bring truth to the campus. In particular, Wilson uses the magazine as a way to promote issues that she feels are particularly relevant.

What are some of the sex-related issues that concern her the most?

"Testing," she said flatly. "Testing [for sexually transmitted diseases] is a big, big issue. There's a mentality that it can't happen to you, that you can just bury your head in the sand, that it 'won't happen to me.'"

The truth? Sexually transmitted diseases are a lot more common than people think. According to SexEtc.org, one in every four people between the ages of 15 to 24 who are sexually active is infected with an STD each year.

The frightening statistics exist on Wooster's campus as well. Wilson

cited a study that found that over 30 percent of the sexually active student body has had sex — including oral sex — without using a condom. But less than one percent were tested for HIV.

Wilson has posted several articles on Head about a new vaccination available at the Wellness Center for the human papillomavirus (HPV). According to the U.S. Health and Human Services Center for Disease and Protection, strains of this virus can greatly increase the chance of cervical cancer, a serious statistic considering that 80 percent of all sexually active women will contract the disease in their lifetimes.

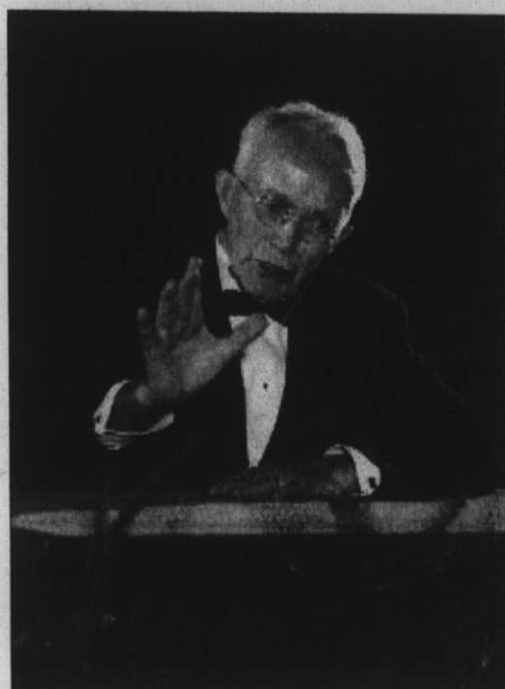
After all, said Wilson, "If you're going to consider yourself an adult, if you're going to have sex like an adult, you need to be responsible for your actions."

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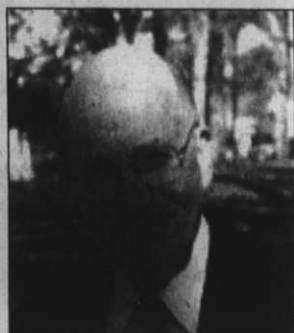
The newly-developed vaccine for HPV, Gardasil, will soon be available at The Longbrake Student Wellness Center. Call (x2319) to reserve your first dose. Check the Web site under "Health Promotion Newsletters."

Get free testing for HIV at the Wellness Center on Feb. 2 and April 18.

"A Christmas Carol" reading to return to campus on Sunday



At left, Professor Delbert Lean gives a reading of "A Christmas Carol" in 1958; he had done it 49 times at this point (Photo courtesy Special Collections). Above and below right, Vice President Iain Crawford and Professor Richard Figge will resume Lean's tradition on Sunday (Photos courtesy OPI).



Gingrich Professor of German emeritus Richard Figge will combine forces to present the reading once again.

The event, sponsored by Alumni Relations, is the result of an idea that's been percolating for some time. "Sandy Nichols in Alumni Relations and I were on a development trip a couple of years ago and got to talking about doing a Dickens reading," said Crawford. "Like many good ideas, the thought just popped up as we were chatting in the car."

Alumni Relations sought out Figge to do the reading along with Crawford.

Last year, Figge and Dan Dean '02 performed the two-man comedy "Good Evening" Alumni gathering at the Cleveland comedy club Pickwick & Frolic. "Everyone had such a good time that the Alumni Office decided another two-person project might be in order," said Figge.

An accomplished character actor, Figge's past roles have included Cyrano de Bergerac in the play by the same name written by Edmond Rostand and Prospero in Shakespeare's "The Tempest."

He has been the star of two one-man plays as well, portraying American lawyer Clarence Darrow and American actor John Barrymore. In the past, he has performed in Washington, D.C. with President Ronald Reagan. At the College last spring, he made an appearance as Joe Keller in Arthur Miller's "All My Sons."

Crawford's extensive knowledge of the British author will add an academic depth to the performance. He completed graduate work on Dickens at the University of Leicester, studied his work extensively during his



Illustration by Eric Richardson.

academic career and even served as a trustee for The Dickens Society.

"I wrote my dissertation on Dickens and my major professor edited Dickens's public readings and read them himself; it was he who first showed me how wonderful Dickens's words are when read aloud, and I was delighted when Alumni Relations asked me to do a reading," he said.

Figge, too, is excited about the prospect. "We are blessed with the presence at the College of a Dickens scholar, Iain Crawford, who has a splendid ability to share his own richly informed love and enthusiasm for Dickens's most popular story and to keep it fresh, even for audiences who have heard it many times already."

The tradition set by Lean will not be forgotten, but the two men will make their own unique contributions. "I've read about Dr. Lean's readings, which sound wonderful, but have carefully not listened to them, yet so

that we don't fall into imitating them," said Crawford. In addition, instead of a solo speaker, said Figge, "this is a presentation that brings together a Dickens scholar and a professional actor."

The story itself seems to ring particularly insightful now, as the campus prepares to end the fall semester and return home for winter break.

"The 'Carol' is, for me, a story all about the profound human capability for renewal and recovery, and that's a theme that always seems especially appropriate as we move into the dead end of the year as well as one that can speak to us all at a time when the world is so troubled by conflicts," said Crawford.

A dessert reception will be held at 4 p.m. on Sunday. The reading will be immediately after, beginning at 4:30 p.m. Dickens's tale will once again be heard on campus, carrying its timeless vow: "I will honour Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year."

Molly Lehman
Features Editor

You know about the arch, the bricks, the bagpipes and the Tootsie rolls. But Wooster's traditions aren't always this well-known. Some aren't as lasting as Kauke Hall and can be lost as the College ages.

On Dec. 10, however, an old tradition will be resurrected when a reading of "A Christmas Carol" will be given in Kittredge Dining Hall.

The reading of the classic holiday story by Charles Dickens can be traced back almost a hundred years ago, when Professor Delbert G. Lean first came to The College of

Wooster as an educator in the speech department.

As a seasonal gesture of goodwill to his newly adopted school, Lean read "A Christmas Carol" to a group of Wooster students, staff, faculty and community members. What began as a simple gift, however, soon grew into an eagerly-anticipated annual event, and Lean's reading every December continued for nearly 50 years, extending beyond his 38-year teaching tenure at the College.

This Sunday, tribute will be paid to Lean and the holiday gift to Wooster reinstituted when Vice President for Academic Affairs Iain Crawford and

Wooster hosts Bill Spratley, Green Energy Ohio director

Executive director discusses problem of outsourcing solar cells

Julia Hendrickson
Voice Staff

On Thursday, Nov. 30, Executive Director of Green Energy Ohio (GEO) Bill Spratley '70 gave a lecture titled "Sustainable Energy Puts America to Work" in Gault Recital Hall of Scheide Music Center.

Spratley served on the State of Ohio Consumers' Counsel for 16 years and served on advisory boards of the U.S. Department of Energy under Presidents Carter, Bush and Clinton.

A non-profit organization, GEO is the Ohio chapter of the American Solar Energy Society, and is "dedicated to promoting environmentally sustainable energy policies and practices in Ohio," including solar, wind, biomass and low-impact hydro-energies.

GEO annually sponsors the Ohio Solar Tour during the first weekend in October while also promoting the use of wind power for small and utility-scale sites. GEO also serves as a resource for homeowners interested in clean energy, and works toward

"bringing the state's renewable energy manufacturers and providers together" with the Ohio Clean Energy Business Association.

Spratley first gave an overview of the recent Solar Tour, in which a total of 5,000 participants around Ohio toured existing homes, businesses and buildings that incorporate

County, and the majority of parts used to make solar panels are being manufactured in Ohio.

However, his main concern and focus of his talk is that "70 percent of all solar cells made are being shipped off to other countries," thus outsourcing greatly-needed jobs from Ohio. These outsourced solar cells are usually sent overseas to the highly alternative-energy-friendly European countries like Germany and Denmark.

Spratley argued that "Ohio's opportunity for wind industry manufacturing jobs is second only to California," and that at least 12,000 new jobs could be created in the field of wind power if major companies begin to sign on. He also showed a map indicating that most of central Ohio is ideally situated for wind farms because of the geographical "basin" that was created when the icecaps moved through Ohio.

Throughout his lecture, Spratley remarked multiple times that he was "a little disappointed that there isn't an environmental studies program

For more information, visit GEO's Web site at www.greenenergyohio.org.

solar (and in some cases, wind) energy into their energy usage.

He noted that Ohio has historically been a big part of green energy: in 1888 the first wind turbine was developed in Ohio and was located on Euclid Avenue in downtown Cleveland. Continuing the tradition of green energy, a different wind turbine currently sits downtown and provides eight percent of the Cleveland Science Center's energy.

During his lecture, Spratley went on to note that nowadays, "the most per capita use of solar energy in Ohio is from the Amish" in Wayne

[at Wooster], which fits perfectly in with a liberal arts college." He said that an environmental studies program could be a "huge opportunity in the future" because the growing sustainable energy market needs people who will understand the field.

When asked about other colleges' commitments to sustainability, Spratley recited a long list of successful institutions, such as the

University of Cincinnati where every building is Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certified (the LEED Green Building Rating System is the nationally and federally accepted standard for the design, construction and operation of high performance green building). "Why isn't that true at The College of Wooster?" Spratley concluded.



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"Bobby" relives American tragedy

Estevez's film portrays 1968 as a historical year that spawned an era of uncertainty after the death of "Bobby"

What if? This is the nostalgic question that has plagued our country since the death of Senator Bobby Kennedy in 1968.

The film "Bobby," released on Nov. 17, begs the audience to ponder this question. In doing so, the movie reveals the societal uncertainties occurring simultaneously with the younger Kennedy's death.



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The film does a fantastic job of revealing the social and political milieu of the time, offering a strong portrait of life in 1968. The film portrays cheating spouses, alcoholic entertainers, Vietnam soldiers and young brides.

It is an evocative portrait not of its namesake, Robert "Bobby" Kennedy, but of the many facets of society in 1968 and the socio-political aspirations and desires of ordinary citizens. The film suggests Bobby's future response to the era of acid, new conservatism, alcoholism, immigration, new money, equal rights and violence.

It urges us to look at 1968 as more than the year that took two amazing Americans from us, but as a year where people carried on and dealt with individual problems while dealing with the volatile nature of national affairs.

The movie does not cast the indelible Bobby and Ethel duo. Instead, we see his characters come out through his speeches and footage of the campaign. This is fitting because it upholds his status as a mythical figure and focuses the movie on the 22 other characters whose lives intertwine with his death.

The film poignantly focuses on other characters and their dreams, their faith in Bobby, and their personal triumphs and failures. Standouts include

Lindsey Lohan, Sharon Stone, Elijah Wood, Demi Moore, Anthony Hopkins, Martin Sheen, Helen Hunt, Freddy Rodriguez, Joshua Jackson, William H. Macy and Heather Graham. The diversity and versatility of these actors made the movie a success.

Though it was tiring at times to follow so many storylines — in fact, the costumes, hair and makeup are so great it took me half the movie to recognize Sharon Stone.

The separate storylines were unique and simple, making it nearly impossible to become confused.

I applaud Emilio Estevez in his directorial and screenwriting abili-

ties; this is a far jump from his Mighty Duck days. Estevez wrote this screenplay to serve as a nostalgic look at Bobby Kennedy, and in doing so, he created a phenomenal picture.

Through the writing and acting, the end of hope and optimism and a new era of uncertainty and violence is tangible. Throughout the inevitable death scene, the background plays a speech given by Kennedy addressing the need to end violence in the United States.

Ultimately, the film is predictable, but it offers a respectable and interesting perspective to one of the nation's greatest tragedies.

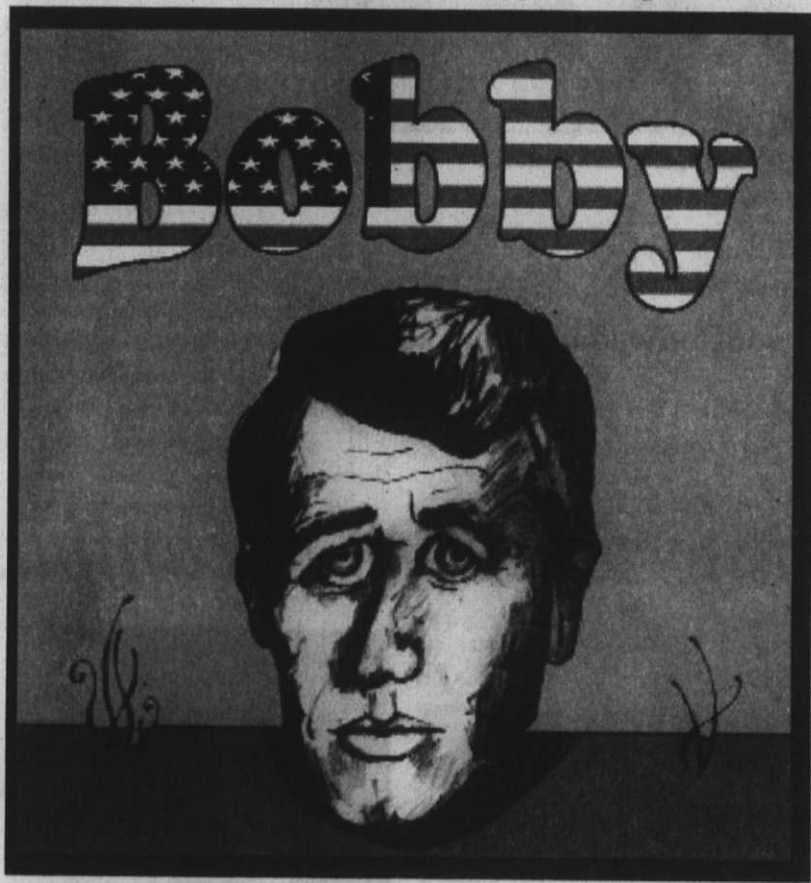


Illustration by Andy Maloney.

Entertainment integral to experiencing the holiday spirit

It's the most wonderful time of the year, for many reasons. The Voice staff shares the songs and movies that make their Christmases merry, their Hanukkahs happy and their days merry and bright.

"Christmas Comes But Once A Year," a nine-minute cartoon from 1936, has strange animation and incoherent mumbling instead of dialogue. Still, it does more to communicate the meaning of the holiday season than any Hollywood movie I've seen before or since. Orphans thrilled with innovative homemade gifts — how non-commercialized can you get?

—Molly Lehman, Features Editor

"The Hebrew Hammer" is my favorite holiday flick, although it's only a few years old and may not prove to have the staying power of other classics. Its message, in essence, is that Christmas has its proper place and, particularly, should not be taken over by the likes of Andy Dick.

—Alex Cacioppo, Viewpoints Editor

My favorite holiday classic television special is "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" from 1964, which is usually shown in conjunction with "Santa Claus is Comin' to Town" from 1970. Often, "Frosty the Snowman" accompanies

them. Those are the ones I'm naming because I feel like I remember seeing them the most, even if I wasn't raised Christian.

—Sara Taggart, Managing Editor

"The Nutcracker" always gets me in the mood for Christmas. The music, combined with the memories I have of going to it during the Christmas season, show me that Christmas is not too far away.

—Missie Bender, Voice Staff

My favorite holiday movie is "Elf." Every time I watch it, no matter what, it puts me in the best mood. I normally watch it with my best friend, and we laugh and can quote the whole movie. We love the part when Will Farrell is leaving and saying good-bye to the other characters. So cute!

—Rachel Grinnan, Voice Staff

There's something about "A Christmas Story" and Mariah Carey's "All I Want For Christmas Is You" that really get me into the holiday spirit. Cliché, I know; for something a little

more out there I'd also recommend "PeeWee Herman's Christmas Special" and "The Nightmare Before Christmas," both of which exude holiday spirit and are chock full of creepiness.

—Caitlin Gillette, Voice Staff

Nothing says Christmas to me like repeated listenings of "Last Christmas" by WHAM! The day after Thanksgiving I throw my German-import copy of the CD into the nearest stereo, ignore the complaints from the cheerless Scrooges within hearing range, and play it until New Year's Day. When the song comes on, I am suddenly filled with Christmas joy, and am compelled to dance and croon dramatically to the smooth vocal stylings of George Michael and poor, flat-topped Andrew Ridgely, a.k.a. "that other guy in WHAM!"

—Sarah Kenney, Voice Staff

This may not be what puts everyone in the holiday spirit, but it puts me in it! The end of year photo spreads in magazines such as Vogue always put

Surprise! Mann is merry enough for holiday CD

When a 40-something vocal artist starts releasing holiday albums, it's generally indicative of a career roadblock — why else cover old classics such as "The Christmas Song"?

With "One More Drifter in the Snow," however, singer/songwriter Aimee Mann proves that her musical skills have not diminished, offering a few original



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tracks alongside old favorites with new, original twists.

To be honest, I was quite sure that hearing cynical Aimee Mann's nasally, monotonous voice singing "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas" would be as sarcastic as Alanis Morissette singing a love ballad. However, since Mann is one of my favorite musicians and I'm also a huge sucker for Christmas music, I grudgingly sampled the album on iTunes, and was pleasantly surprised.

With her languid rhythms and soft, breathy voice, Mann has captured that nostalgic, longing feeling often accompanied by the holiday season.

Mann's nostalgic tone is exemplified by "Winter Wonderland." A leisurely walk through the snow is complemented by sound effects indicative of swirling snow, giving the playlist a somewhat theatrical element.

"I'll Be Home for Christmas," is lilting, with the same flowing rhythm of snowflakes drifting lazily outside.

The dreaminess continues throughout the album, especially as Mann breathily whispers how she is dreaming of a "White Christmas."

The expected track is the staccato "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen." Unexpected, yet playful, it sounds as though she has combined the lyrics from this song with the rhythm of "The Little Drummer Boy."

She continues to experiment, adding to the album a brave rendition of "You're a Mean One, Mr. Grinch."

The track begins with a short reading from the Dr. Seuss book, with more reading dispersed throughout the song.

Other playful effects — sounds of pop guns, mechanical noises and swirling wind — remind me a bit of her album "I'm With Stupid," 1996, and could easily complement Dr. Seuss's classic holiday cartoon.

The album gets a bit too twangy for my liking with "Christmastime," but since it was written by her husband, Michael Penn, I give her an "A" for originality.

The other unique track, "Calling on Mary" — penned by Mann — is one of the album's gems. It has a great rhythm that will stick with you all day and poignant lyrics as well.

This isn't Mann's best work — which is actually "Bachelor No. 2 (or, the Last Remains of the Dodo)," 2000, if you're interested — but commendable for a holiday album nonetheless.

This holiday season, if you're looking for a reflective, relaxing album to spin, add Mann's wistful "One More Drifter in the Snow" to your iTunes.

—Justine McCullough, Arts Editor

I say it every year; nothing puts me in the spirit to celebrate the arrival of the jolly fat man in red like The Waitresses' "Christmas Wrapping." Well, almost nothing. Thank you, Great Lakes Christmas Ale!

—Liz Miller, Editor in Chief

My favorite holiday movie is "While You Were Sleeping." Though it is not a classic Christmastime flick, it comically yet poignantly illustrates the importance of family and friends, no matter how eccentric they may be. During this holiday season, remember two things (Dave Matthews anyone?): Ricky Ricardo was tall, and those mashed potatoes are so creamy!

—Katie Foulds, Managing Editor

UPCOMING EVENTS

Blackbirds Irish Dance Concert
Dec. 8, 7:30 - 8 p.m.
McGaw Chapel

Admission is \$1 to view Irish dancing. A bake sale will also be held.

Cookie Break
Dec. 10, 9 p.m.
Babcock Formal Lounge

Enjoy a study break this Sunday, sponsored by the Women's Advisory Board.

Don't Throw Shoes
Dec. 8, 8 p.m.
Gault Recital Hall, Scheide

Wooster's student improvisational comedy group will perform their holiday show tonight.

Common Grounds
Dec. 8, 9 p.m. - 1 a.m.

Join Common Grounds this evening for coffee drinks and make a holiday ornament.

CHECK IT OUT

Indie-Music.com just announced the Top 25 CDs and the Top 25 MP3s of 2006.

The album chart includes Viva la Venus's "Forget the Fairytale" and Beat Kaestli's "Happy, Sad and Satisfied."

Check out the line-up for yourself at www.indie-music.com.

Want to review an album for the Voice? Contact Justine at voice_arts@wooster.edu.

Ichabod Crane to perform at the Big Picture tonight



Ichabod Crane, a local band consisting of three College of Wooster students and one employee, will perform at the Big Picture in downtown Wooster tonight.

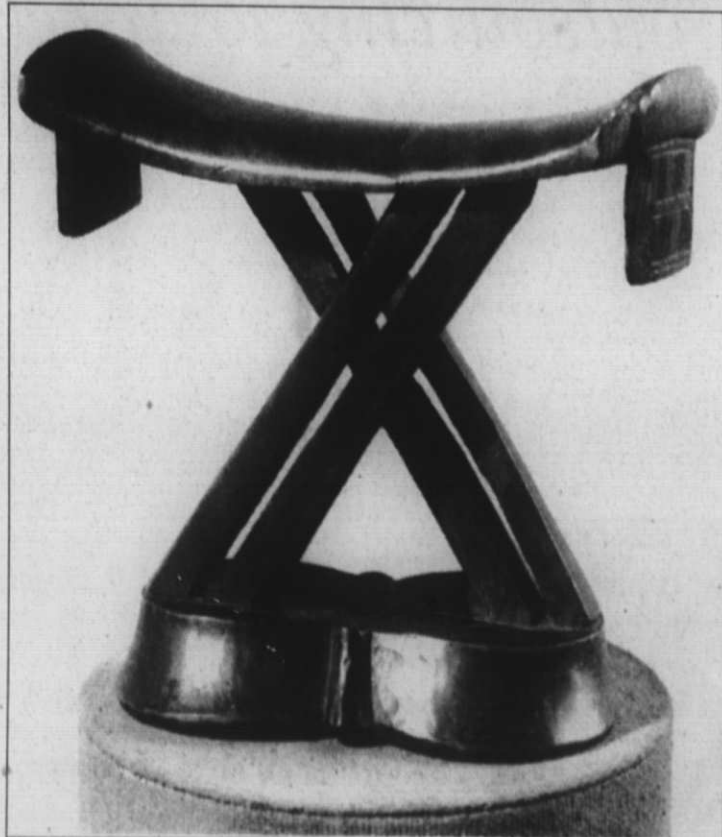
Doors open at 8, and the show starts at 8:30. Admission is \$4.

Members of Ichabod Crane, pictured left to right, are employee Adric Keegan, Andy Maloney '09, Scott Roger '05 and David Duncan '07.

Ichabod Crane, a metal band, recently placed third in the Battle of the Bands held on campus. They will be joined tomorrow by Hemingway's Shotgun and Donnie and the Vets, two local bands.

Photo courtesy Greg Peterson/ Ichabod Crane.

Sub-Saharan African art to be exhibited in Ebert next month



"Art of Africa: Objects from the Collection of Warren Robbins," will be exhibited from Jan. 16 until March 4 in the Ebert Art Center. Curator of the exhibition is Dr. Kwaku Ofori-Ansa, associate professor of African art at Howard University (Photo courtesy OPI).

Loehrke has high hopes after basketball

Nicholas Holt
Sports Editor

On Nov. 19, in the championship game of the Nan Nichols Tournament, Carly Loehrke '07 scored her 1,000th point as a Fighting Scot. Loehrke distinctly remembered going to the free-throw line late in the game thinking that if she made both she would reach the milestone.

"Those were the most pressure-packed free throws of my life," said Loehrke. Loehrke sank both shots, but found out after the game she'd made a mistake; she had reached 1,000 points before the free throws.

It was one of only a handful of mistakes that Loehrke has made on the basketball court at The College of Wooster. The Scots' all-time field-goal percentage (.530) leader entered the season as Wooster's seventh leading scorer and rebounder ever.

Last season Loehrke almost single-handedly carried the Scots to victory on her way to first team All-NCAC honors. Loehrke became the first player in Wooster history to lead the Scots in all five major statistical categories (scoring, rebounding, assists, blocks and steals) last season, ranking fourth in the NCAC with 13.7 points per game and 7.8 rebounds per game. It was her second straight season as the Scots' leading scorer and her third straight as the black and gold's leading rebounder.

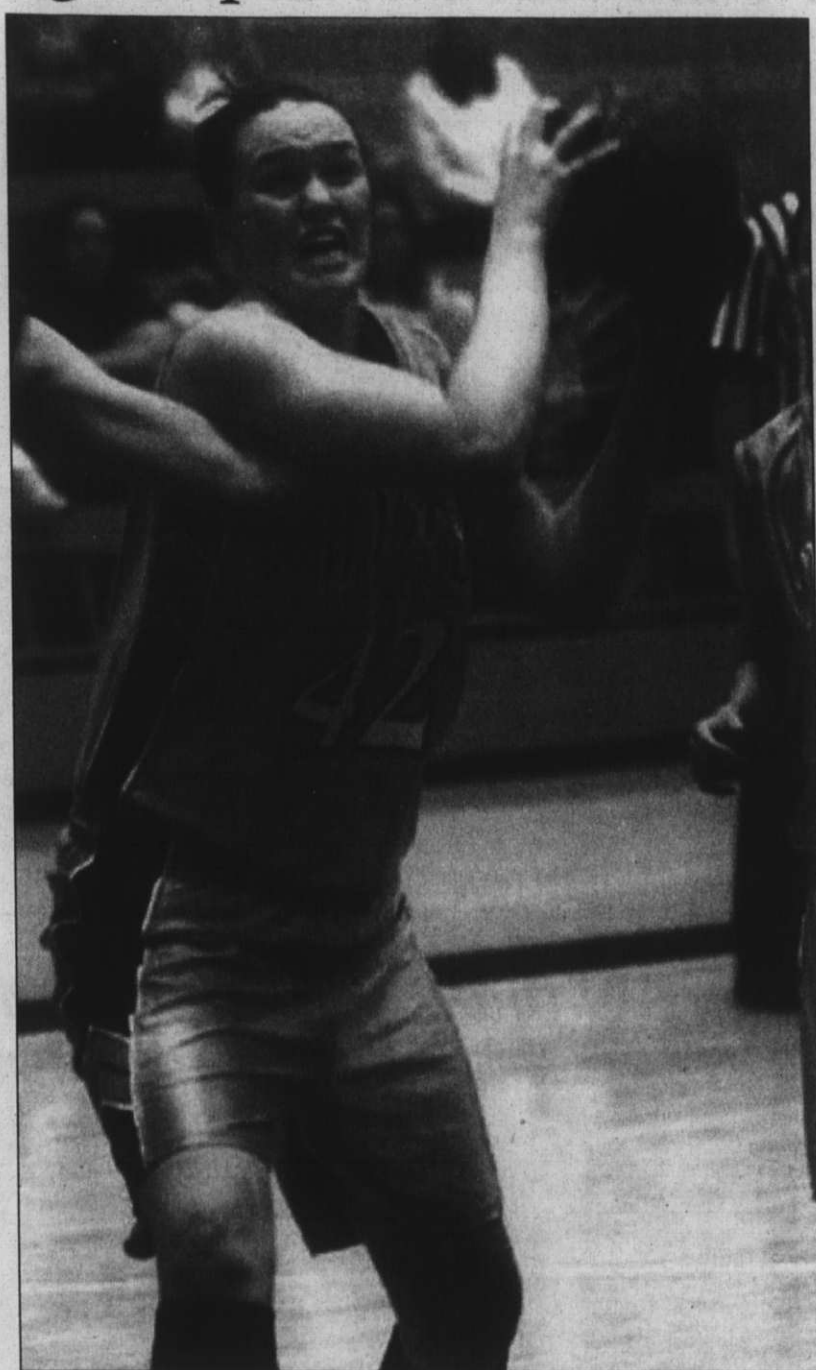
Loehrke was proud of her accomplishment and felt that it said a lot about her game being well rounded. "It's nice to think that I'm a balanced athlete," said Loehrke. "I wasn't just a scoring option, I provided other things to the team as well."

Repeating the feat was not on Loehrke's mind, however, as she stressed the team's improvement this season saying, "This year there are going to be other girls who shoulder that responsibility."

Indeed, one of Loehrke's best characteristics is her ability to put the team first. While she couldn't come up with goals for herself, she didn't hesitate when asked what her goals for the team were.

"My goal for the team is to break into the upper-echelon of the NCAC. I would love to finish in the top four in the NCAC so we can host a tournament game at the end of the season."

Loehrke's lack of personal goals does not mean that she is satisfied



Carly Loehrke '07 fights for the basketball in a recent contest (Photo courtesy OPI).

with her performance; in fact, it means the opposite.

"I strive for perfection and that's difficult because there's always new techniques to learn," said Loehrke. "As an athlete there is always something to improve on."

Loehrke's family played a large role in getting her hooked on basketball. "It was a passion for both my father and my brother, so it became a passion for me as well."

Loehrke's successes extend far beyond the court. The communication sciences and disorders major was named third-team Academic All-District last season. She is working toward completing her senior I.S. entitled "The Knowledge of Speech Language Pathologists and

Audiologists regarding the Auditory and communication effects of HIV/AIDS."

While her athletic career is important to her, Loehrke said that academics always take a priority. "Academics are really important to me. At the end of this year I will not be able to rely on basketball, and the academics I learned here will be my defining characteristic."

Loehrke will be joining the Peace Corps next year, where she will work on community development in Africa for 27 months. But for now she is just enjoying her time here at Wooster.

It is a big weekend for Loehrke and the Scots, as they will travel to face conference-rival Wittenberg at 2 p.m. on Dec. 9.

ON THE LINE

Don't cry, the BCS got it right

Ah yes, college football is over and all I can hear is: "This system sucks!!!"

I will be the first to agree with this statement because the BCS system does, in fact, suck. Not the way they rank the teams; I think that is just fine. But the

fact that only two teams can play for a national title is ridiculous.



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However, the BCS got it right this year. I don't care that Michigan only lost to Ohio

State and Florida's loss — while still to a top-10 team — is weaker. Michigan played an overrated schedule while Florida had a tougher schedule than everyone in the nation (including Ohio State, Michigan and USC).

I thought Florida should be there from the start. I had said after the Auburn/Florida game that if one of those two teams win the SEC will be very hard to deny them a spot in the title game. I was right.

Let's do something we don't do much, compare the SEC to the Big 10. It is clear these two conferences are the toughest in the land but is there a drop off (this year) between the SEC and Big 10? Yes there is.

The Big 10 boasts three top-seven teams in Ohio State, Michigan and Wisconsin. The Badgers are 11-1, but look at their schedule: outside of Michigan they played nobody. Here are their out of conference foes: Bowling Green, Western Illinois, San Diego State and Buffalo. Those teams don't exactly jump out at you, do they?

Michigan had an easy time, too, with Vanderbilt, Central Michigan, an overrated Notre Dame (who is weaker than Wisconsin by far) and Ball State. Other than Wisconsin and Notre Dame, they lost to Ohio State when the Buckeyes were minus three in the turnover ratio.

The Buckeyes had a respectable schedule with Texas, Iowa and Michigan to boost their strength. However, Iowa was very much overrated and Texas imploded, so even a die-hard Buckeyes fan like myself can admit when their schedule has some flaws.

Other than those three teams, the Big 10 has nobody else ranked in the top 25 of the BCS (even the overrated Pac 10 barely has four teams). The SEC, however, has teams at No. 2 and No. 4 in Florida and LSU. They also have two others in the top 12 in Auburn (No. 9)

and Arkansas (No. 12). Tennessee is also at No. 17.

Florida beat all but one of those teams that I just mentioned, giving them three quality wins without stepping outside their conference. I didn't even mention Georgia, who was overrated but still a tough opponent (the Iowa of the SEC).

Florida also had to play LSU, Auburn and Georgia back to back to back (with the latter two on the road). They did have a bye between Auburn and Georgia, but it is still tough to play three big teams (and rivals) in a row.

Did Michigan have to face Wisconsin and Ohio State back to back? Nope. In fact they had many cupcakes between their tough games while Florida didn't have that luxury.

But the greatest reason of all is that Florida won their conference, Michigan did not. If you are going to anoint the SEC as the best conference in the United States (and it is clear that it is) you have to allow its champion, when compared to a second place team with an identical record, to play for the title.

If Florida had two losses the story would be much different. Then every other team that is in contention would have two losses while Michigan had only one. Under this scenario, Michigan would not be denied another shot at the title.

The ironic part about all of this for me is that, just last year, my roommate and I had this debate about an undefeated Michigan and Ohio State, ranked one and two, rematching for the title. I said under the current system it would take such a whacked-up scenario that we would never see it happen. He disagreed. This year was the perfect test and as everyone can see, I was right.

This year we had such a unique year that it was perfect for a rematch, yet it still didn't happen. Why? Because a team that loses so late in the year gets punished too much to recover enough to regain the No. 2 ranking without lots of help. Michigan and Ohio State will always play at the last game of the year.

Unless the system changes to a play-off format, we may (and Andy please note the MAY before this next word) never see an Ohio State vs. Michigan national title. And — under this system — that's how it should be, even though it would be cool.

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Editors issue apology for field hockey errors

Chris Sweeney
Sports Editor

Last week, the sports section of the Voice made a mistake in our coverage of the achievements of fall athletes.

Amanda Artman '10 and Anlyn Addis '07 were listed as second and third team All-NCAC when, in fact, they were All-Americans.

Both Addis and Artman earned

first-team All-NCAC honors along with five other Scots that we failed to mention last week.

Artman was also named the NCAC offensive player of the year and newcomer of the year had a very impressive season leading the conference in goals (19), assists (12) and points (50).

We apologize for this mistake and hope that this correction successfully rectifies it.

Second Team All-American Amanda Artman '10

*NCAC Newcomer of the Year and Offensive Player of the Year

Third Team All-American Anlyn Addis '07

First Team All-NCAC

Amanda Artman '10

Anlyn Addis '07

Katy Baron '07

Miranda Leickly '07

Second Team All-NCAC

Anne Leigh '07

Kate Persing '07

Honorable Mention

Brittany Montgomery '10

Women take first at Wooster Relays

Carson Carey
Voice Staff

The College of Wooster men's and women's swimming and diving teams finished off their fall season in exceptional style at their own invitational tournament, held from Nov. 30 to Dec. 2 at the Wooster High School.

The women can boast of being the best of the 10 teams invited, taking first place with 1,550.5 points, winning by a margin of 235.5 points over closest competitor Westminster College (1,325), as well as defeating Oberlin College, Ohio Northern University and John Carroll University.

The men were second place finishers in their own eight-team field. Their 1,488 point total trailed only Westminster College, who totaled 2,232 points.

The women's victory demonstrated the depth of their team. While only one Wooster swimmer posted a victory in an individual event — an impressive swim by Meggie Edwards '09 in the 100-yard backstroke — multiple high finishes by individual swimmers as well as team victories in two relays accumulated points. The team of Molly Bittner '09, Allie Kibler-Cambell '10, Alice Case '10 and Edwards combined to win the 200 freestyle relay with a time of 1:40.21. In the 200 medley, Syd Kelley '10, Case, Bittner and Edwards teamed to win with a time of 1:51.39.

In addition to Edwards' victory in the 100 backstroke, whose mark of 1:00.02 was a mere three-hundredths of a second shy short of qualifying for NCAA Div. III Championships, the Scots posted several strong showings in the individual events.

Edwards added to her record with a third place finish in the 50 freestyle (24.96), and a second place finish in the 100 freestyle (54.18). Kelly was the runner-up in the 100 breaststroke (1:09.53) and third in the 200 breast-



Syd Kelly '10. The Wooster women's team took first out of 10 teams at the Wooster invitational (Photo courtesy OPI).

stroke 2:31.32) and Bittner took third in the 100 free (54.71). Amanda Bailey '08 also had a strong meet, posting a second place finish in the 1650 freestyle (18:32.81) and third place finishes in the 500 free (5:23.58) and the 400 IM (4:49.92).

The men's meet was highlighted by a second place finish in 400 freestyle relay. The team of Kyle Oaks '08, Daniel Noble '07, Brandon DuGar '07 and Ryan Radtke '10 posted a strong time of 3:12.38 in the event.

In addition, the men took home third place in four other relays. The 200 freestyle relay team of Oaks, Noble, DuGar and Radtke (1:27.36), the 800 freestyle relay team of Logan LaBerge '10, Ted Polley '08, Radtke and Noble (7:18.54) the 400 medley relay team of LaBerge, DuGar, Oaks and Mateo Chinchilla '08 (3:39.13), and the 200 medley team of LaBerge

DuGar, Oaks and Andrew Olsen '09 (1:38.04) all placed third.

Radtke led the way in the individual events, with a second place finish in the 200 IM (2:00.30). DuGar finished third in the 100 butterfly (52.99), Oaks took third in the 100 freestyle (48.59) and Eric Babbitt '10 placed third in the 200 butterfly (1:15.40).

In addition, the diving competitors from both the men's and women's teams contributed valuable points. For the women, Julie Pinzur '09 won the three-meter event with a point-total of 299.60, while Caitlin McNulty '10 came in second with 282.60 points.

Pinzur also scored a second place finish in the one-meter event (317.19). For the men, Aaron Bergman '07 placed third in the three-meter (337.06) and Dustin Klein '09 was third in the one-meter (289.65).

Voice announces first-ever sports award winners

Nick Holt
Sports Editor

The votes are in and the *Voice* is pleased to announce the winners of the first-ever Fall Sports Awards. Over the two-day polling period we received a total of 71 ballots. Most of the races were extremely tight, with every nominee receiving at least 10 percent of the votes. All winners will receive certificates in honor of their awards.

The Scot of the Fall award went to cross country runner Katie Wieferich '07. Wieferich had an amazing year, winning five of the seven races she competed in this season, including the All-Ohio meet and NCAA Div. III Great Lakes Regional Cross Country Championships. Wieferich also earned All-American Honors.

Winnie Adrien '10 ran away with the Newcomer of the Fall award. Adrien was the only nominee from any category to get the majority vote. She was a breakout star in women's soccer this season, earning both the NCAC's Offensive Player of the Year and Newcomer of the Year awards. Adrien led the NCAC in every major offensive category, with 15 goals, eight assists

Scot of the Fall: Katie Wieferich '07

Newcomer of the Fall

Winnie Adrien '10

Senior Achievement

Justin Schafer '07

Comeback Player

Ashley Quisenberry '07

and 38 points.

Senior Achievement was perhaps the tightest race as Justin Schafer '07 took home the honor with less than one-third of the total vote. Schafer started at quarterback each of his four years at Wooster, during which time the Scots went 29-6 in games he started. Despite missing significant time due to injury in his final two years, Schafer finished his career with 5,464 yards passing and 47 touchdowns along with 989 yards rushing and 12 touchdowns.

Ashley Quisenberry '07 won a tight race for Comeback Player of the Fall.

After not playing last season, Quisenberry helped lead the Scots on her way to second team All-NCAC honors. Her defense was invaluable to Wooster as she led the NCAC with 1.33 blocks per game and second on the team with 3.71 digs per game. Despite the year off, Quisenberry finished second on Wooster's all-time blocks list, with career 376 kills. Quisenberry also finished third for the Scots in kills and aces per game.

The Bobby Reiff '07 to Shaun Swearingen '07 Hail Mary pass against Allegheny, easily took moment of the

year, receiving 35 votes.

Coach of the Fall proved to be a battle as head football coach Mike Schmitz narrowly beat head field hockey coach Brenda Meese. Schmitz led the Scots to an 8-2 record this season, while notching career win number 50 as head coach at Wooster.

The sports editors would like to thank all those who voted and apologize for any names left off the ballot. We would really appreciate your helping refining this process. Tell us what you think by e-mailing us at voice_sports@wooster.edu.

Moment of the Year

Hail Mary Pass against Allegheny (Bobby Reiff '07 to Shaun Swearingen '07)

Coach of the Year

Mike Schmitz

SUPER PICK 'EM

Chris Sweeney, Nick Holt and Andrew Vogel pick all of the looming college bowl games and the pro games this Sunday. Feel free to contact them at voice_sports@wooster.edu.

C = Chris, N = Nick, A = Andrew
All = Everyone

Standings

Chris- 162-98
Nick- 157-103
Andrew- 156-104

Last Week

Chris- 14-8
Nick- 10-12
Andrew- 7-15

College Bowls

(N) TCU vs. NIU (C, A)
(C) BYU vs. Oregon (N, A)
(All) Troy vs. Rice
(All) South Fla. vs. East Carolina
(N) New Mexico vs. SJS (C, A)
Tulsa vs. Utah (All)
Arizona State vs. Hawaii (All)
(All) CMU vs. MTS
(A) Florida State vs. UCLA (C, N)
(N) Ok. State vs. Alabama (C, A)
(N, A) Cal. vs. Texas A&M (C)
(All) Rutgers vs. Kansas State
(All) Clemson vs. Kentucky
Missouri vs. Oregon State (All)
(All) South Carolina vs. Houston
Minn. vs. Tex. T. (All)
(C, N) Maryland vs. Purdue (A)
(C) Navy vs. Boston College (N, A)
Iowa vs. Texas (All)
(C) Virginia Tech vs. Georgia (N, A)
(C) Nevada vs. Miami (N, A)
Penn State vs. Tennessee (All)
(All) Auburn vs. Nebraska
(C) Ga. Tech vs. WVA (N, A)
(C) Wisconsin vs. Arkansas (N, A)
(All) Cin. vs. WMU
(N) S. Miss. vs. Ohio (C, A)

BCS Bowls

Southern Cal vs. Michigan (All)
(C, A) Boise State vs. Oklahoma (N)
Wake Forest vs. Louisville (All)
(All) LSU vs. Notre Dame

BCS National Championship

(All) Ohio State vs. Florida

NFL Games

(C) Cleveland at Pittsburgh (N, A)
(All) Atlanta at Tampa Bay
(C) Baltimore at Kansas City (N, A)
(C, A) Indianapolis at Jacksonville (N)
(All) Minnesota at Detroit
(All) New England at Miami
(N, A) N.Y. Giants at Carolina (C)
Oakland at Cincinnati (All)
(All) Philadelphia at Washington
(All) Tennessee at Houston
Green Bay at San Francisco (All)
(All) Seattle at Arizona
(N) Buffalo at N.Y. Jets (C, A)
Denver at San Diego (All)
New Orleans at Dallas (All)
(All) Chicago at St. Louis

Women's basketball opens NCAC play with nailbiter

Johann Weber
Voice Staff

During one of the most straining times of year for student-athletes, the Wooster women's basketball team (3-2, 1-0 NCAC) showcased their determination with a tight conference game against Earlham College.

After falling to 2-2 with losses to Case Western Reserve and Westminster College, the Scots posted their first NCAC conference victory, winning narrowly over the Quakers 56-54 on Saturday, Dec. 2.

The team made the most of opportunities throughout the game, which saw the lead change seven times and with nine ties. Strong performances from a number of players, including Beth Besancon '07, Kym Wenz '10 and Carly Loehrke '07, helped hold back a number of Earlham attempts, and keep the lead at the end.

Besancon led the team in points with 15, as well as three for six of her three point attempts, while Wenz followed close behind with 13 points and six rebounds.

Loehrke scored 10 points as well as blocking three shots, continuing her impressive scoring rampage for the

2006-07 season.

Next up for the women a game against love-to-hate rival Wittenberg, who is a consistent conference threat and enters fresh off games with Oberlin and Thomas Moore, their current record is a similar 2-2, 1-0 NCAC. The game is Saturday, Dec. 9 at 2 p.m. at Wittenberg.

The Scots won't play again until Dec. 19 against La Verne (the first game of the team's winter training). Wooster's next conference opponent is Kenyon College, who they will face on Jan. 3rd.

Wooster rounds out its winter break play with games at Oberlin and Lake Erie. They then return home to face Denison and Hiram.

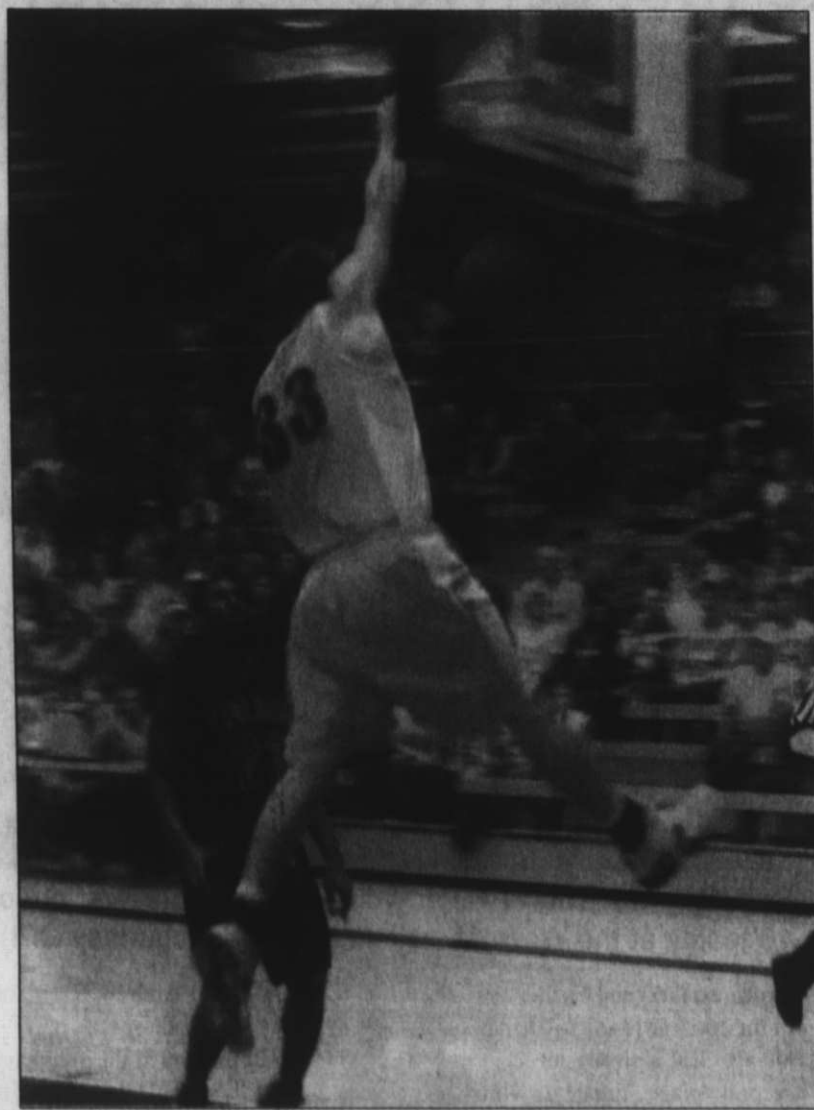
With many strong players and coach Lisa Campanell, the women are aiming to pick up their season and compete with the best.

Strong teams like Denison, Wittenberg and Kenyon will force the Scots to play their best early on in the season. Still, the Scots maintain that this season will be no repeat of 2005-06, when a number of injuries restrained the women from their best performances, and hopes are high that they can bring wins to Wooster.



A strong scoring effort by Beth Besancon Sidle '07 led to a victory against NCAC foe Earlham (Photo by Karin Johnson).

Men now the number one team in Div. III, Witt lays ahead



Tom Port '07 dunks to cap off his day (Photo by Karin Johnson).

Chris Sweeney
Sports Editor

The College of Wooster's (6-0, 2-0) big win over Georgetown, combined with a loss by former No. 1 Virginia Wesleyan College, was enough to take over the No. 1 rank in the D3hoops.com national poll. The Scots earned 21 of 25 first place votes.

Amherst College sits at No. 2, Ohio Northern University at No. 3 and Virginia Wesleyan drops to No. 4.

However, Wooster was in danger of a huge letdown last Saturday against NCAC foe Earlham College. However, after gaining their composure they managed to put away the Quakers by the count of 84-62.

"We were sluggish to start because they managed to show the game down some," said head coach Steve Moore. "Our guys were able to pick up the pace in the second half."

After roughly seven minutes, Wooster was trailing 5-11. Tom Port '07 was able to ignite the crowd with a three-pointer, cutting the lead down to three. Earlham had other plans and countered with a three of their own.

Still, the Scots were able to fall back on stingy defense in the slow-paced first half and mount a 24-4 run over the course of the next 10 minutes, grabbing a 32-18 lead. Again the Quakers would not go quietly, as they mounted a 10-0 run of their own that was broken by Tim Vandervaat '07, who connect-

ed on a lay-up at the buzzer.

"We started to build an impressive lead and were disappointed they cut back into it," said Moore.

The Scots came out of the gates blazing in the second half, as Earlham saw a six-point deficit turn into an 16-point deficit in a matter of six minutes. James Cooper '08 connected on a big three, capping the 11-2 run and putting the Scots up 46-30. Wooster turned it into cruise control after that.

Port led the team in scoring and assists, with 19 and four. He also added five rebounds to his stats.

Following closely behind Port was Brandon Johnson '09 who had 17 points and three assists. Vandervaat had the lead in rebounds with seven; he also tallied up 14 points and four steals.

Cooper finished with 11 points, rounding out the Scots in double figures. The Scots were a perfect six for six at the charity stripe and shot 40 percent from three-point land (8 of 20).

On Wednesday, the Scots traveled to Oberlin College (2-4, 1-0) to take on the Yeomen. Oberlin was picked to finish last in the conference by the NCAC coach's poll, but after pulling off a huge 52-50 upset over Wabash last week, the Yeomen seem to be a serious team.

Wooster went into the contest with a 28-game winning streak over Oberlin and is 90-36 all-time against the Yeomen. Wooster won 95-76; the full stats were not available at press time.

Tomorrow the Scots travel to their

NCAC nemesis, No. 6 ranked Wittenberg, for a showdown between the two all-time winningest teams in NCAA Div. III. The Tigers have 1,542 and the Scots sit at No. 2 with 1,427.

Despite losing their 6-9 post stud Dan Russ, 6-5 wingman Kenny Brady and guard Phil Steffes, the Tigers are still very much a threat on the national landscape. They return 6-8 Dane Borchers, last year's NCAC tournament MVP, as a fifth-year senior. Wittenberg also has 6-5 senior Jack Hemenway to help fill the gap Russ left in the post.

The Scots return home to face another NAIA battle against Cedarville University on Dec. 16; tip off is 8 p.m. Wooster then heads out to California to face Pomona-Pitzer College and another NAIA school in California Baptist University.

On Dec. 29 the Scots host their own "Mose" Hole/Kiwanis Tournament. This year, the tournament will be loaded, as powerhouse Calvin College takes on University of Wisconsin-La Crosse. The Scots and Ohio Northern square off for what looks to be a duel between two of the top three teams in the nation. The winners and losers play the following day.

Wooster rounds out winter break with a handful of NCAC games against Denison University, Allegheny College and Wabash College on Jan. 6, 10 and 13. Denison and Wabash are both home games. The first home game after break is on Jan. 24 against Kenyon College.

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